LATHEN CONSULTING, LLC

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EX-PARTE

Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary The Federal Communications Commission 445 12 Street S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: <u>Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices</u> (CS Docket. No 97-80)

Dear: Ms. Dortch

This ex-parte is filed on behalf of Scientific-Atlanta, Inc. On March 11, 2003 Deborah Lathen of Lathen Consulting, Kenneth Massaroni, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Robert Van Orden, Vice President Strategy and Product Planning Subscriber Network Section and Douglas Ross Vice President Business Development of Scientific Atlanta, met with Jordan Goldstein and Alex Johns legal advisors to Commissioner Copps, Ken Ferree, Steve Broeckaert, Susan Mort, Tom Horan, William Johnson and Barbara Esbin of the Media Bureau; Sara Whitsell legal advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, Stacy Robinson legal advisor to Commissoner Abernathy, Catherine Bohigian legal advisor to Commissioner Martin and Susan Eid legal advisor to Chairman Powell. An overview of Scientific Atlanta's business was provided and the January 2005 deadline for the elimination of the lease of set top boxes with embedded security devices was discussed. It is Scientific Atlanta's position that consumers are best served by having the widest range of choices. The attached was distributed and discussed.

Deborah Lathen, Ken Massaroni, Robert Van Orden and Douglas Ross also met with with Jane Mago, Robert Pepper, Bruce Franca and Jonathan Levy. An overview of Scientific Atlanta's business programs was provided. Although, the aforementioned attachment was distributed the January 2005 prohibition on embedded security devices was not discussed with this group.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment